

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-11, 13-33 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-3, 8, 14 and 25 have been cancelled. Claims 1-3 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1-3 and 8 have been cancelled and this rejection is considered overcome. Claims 9-11 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Dowty. Claims 1, 8, 20-22 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Folsom in view of Moya. Claims 4-7, 29-33 and 35 are allowed. Claims 2, 3, 14-19, 23-26, and 28 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant respectfully traverses all rejections.

Claims 9-11 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Dowty. Claim 14 has been considered allowable subject matter by the Examiner and has thus been written into claim 9. Therefore, amended claim 9 is now considered in allowable form and claim 14 has been cancelled. Claims 10-11, 13, and 15-19 all depend on claim 9 and for at least this reason are considered in allowable form.

Claims 1, 8, 20-22 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Folsom in view of Moya. Claims 1 and 8 have been cancelled. Independent claim 20 has been amended to add the limitation of dependent claim 25 that has been considered allowable subject matter by the Examiner. Consequently claim 25 has been cancelled. The Examiner will note that claim 25 depended on claim 24. However, claim 3

contains similar subject matter to that of claim 25, which is considered allowable subject matter and therefore Applicant considers dependent claim 25 on its own to be allowable subject matter. Because claim 20 has been amended with allowable subject matter, Applicant now considers claim 20 to be allowable. Claims 21-24, and 26-28 all depend on claim 20 and for at least this reason are additionally considered in allowable form.

Thus, all claims left pending in the present application have only been amended to place allowable subject matter into the claims as identified to the Examiner and therefore no new matter has been entered and a new search by the Examiner is not required. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner submit the Amendment After Final and allow all pending claims to issue.

CONCLUSION

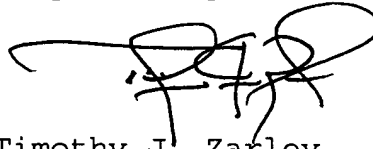
In view of the above remarks, Applicant believes that claims 9-11, 13, 15-24, 26-28 are in condition for allowance and Applicant respectfully requests allowance of such claims.

If any issues remain that may be expeditiously addressed in a telephone interview, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at 515/558-0200.

All fees or extensions of time believed to be due in connection with this response are attached hereto; however,

consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted,
and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account 50-2098.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Zarley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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